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1. The Wallenberg Mystery: (Official Use Only)

An Associated Press story of a German journalist just released from imprisonment in the Soviet Union who claimed that Raoul WALLENBERG had been alive in a Siberian prison camp as late as 1955 again aroused front page Swedish interest in the country's "most famous Soviet prisoner". Wallenberg, who was engaged in rescuing Jews from the Nazis, disappeared when the Red Army marched into Budapest. At first the Soviets claimed he was under protective custody but subsequently denied all knowledge of him. Rumors have persisted that he is still alive in Russia. The Opposition claims the Government is remiss in finding out about him, although in fact the Foreign Office has gone to great lengths to try to find out what happened. Because of the special prominence of this case Sweden's press hardly exaggerates in insisting that Swedish-Soviet relations could never be "normalized" without full clarity about Wallenberg. Current optimism about the latest also was given impetus by Prime Minister ERLANDER's public statement that the Government took this latest report "highly seriously". Communist Ny Dag noted editorially that it saw no reason to doubt the Soviet Government's previous statement that Wallenberg was not known to be in the Soviet Union.

• With Lindstrom's forthcoming WEEKA Technical Assistance Summit

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